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Land owners asked not to put snow into right-of-way of state highways

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol (NDHP) are requesting that landowners not push snow into rights-of-way and ditches of state highways. This practice can exaggerate the drifting problems experienced on state highways. These drifts can create obstructions for motorists. State law prohibits a person from obstructing, or causing to be obstructed, any public highway or right-of-way.

In many cases, the NDDOT has already pushed these piles back to eliminate the unwanted results, only to see the piles reappear. Landowners are asked not to push snow within the limits of the right of way which includes the roadway inslope, ditch bottom, and backslope of the roadway.